

January is Radon Awareness Month

Help Promote Radon Testing in the Northeast

November 2022



This January, the Health Department is working with community partners to distribute free radon test kits to residents of the Northeast Kingdom. Please consider joining our effort to promote radon testing in order to prevent radon exposure and radon-related lung cancer in the Northeast Kingdom.

Help residents test their homes for radon by:

1. **Encouraging clients to request kits:** Embed kit request information in newsletters, emails, or social media posts:

Free long-term radon in air test kits are available to Vermont residents. You can request one by:

- Calling 800-439-8550 (toll-free in Vermont), or
- Emailing radon@vermont.gov with your name, mailing address, physical address (if different), and phone number.

2. **Requesting kits for clients:** Ask clients if they'd like you to sign them up for a radon test kit. Send the kit requests you collect to radon@vermont.gov.

Example: Radon Kit Requests

Name	Mailing Address	Physical Address (if different)	Phone #
Kate Cross	PO Box 123, Norton, VT 05907	12 Stage Road, Norton, VT 05907	802 822 0000
Tom Green	32 State Lane, Island Pond, VT 05846	same	802 123 5678

3. **Distributing radon test kits** at your location or at community events. Call 800-439-8550 to request the kits. Then email list of recipients to radon@vermont.gov.

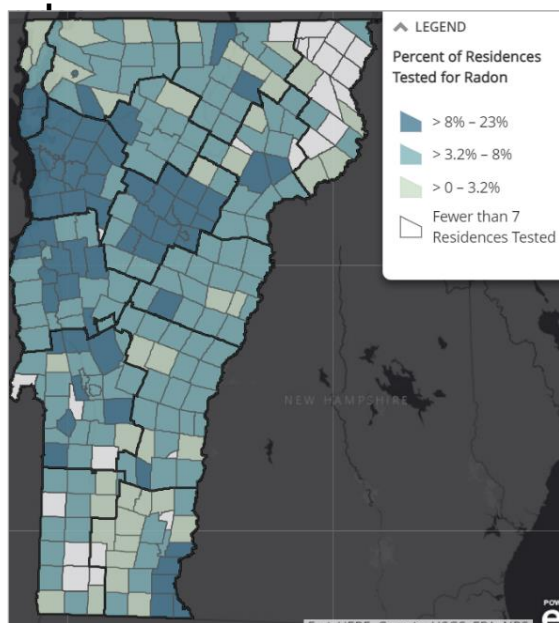
Example: Radon Kit Recipients

Barcode Number	Name	Mailing Address	Physical Address	Phone #
292450	Ethan Allen	145 Ebbetts Field Way, Glover, VT 05839	same	802 987 6543
652354	Lane Series	1 Edifice Row, Irasburg, VT 05845	same	802 123 5678

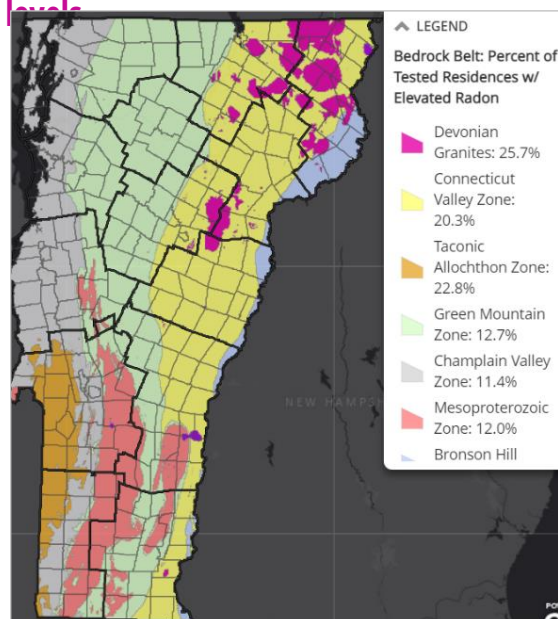
Why test for radon?

- Test To Know: Radon is a radioactive gas that has no color, odor, or taste. Radon enters your home through soil or water and can build up to high levels inside your home.
- Unless you test for it, there is no way to know if radon is present in your home.
- Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among people who do not smoke.
- If you smoke or used to smoke, your risk of getting lung cancer from radon is especially high.
- Smoking rates in the Northeast Kingdom are also higher than the statewide average.

Fewer people in the Northeast Kingdom have tested their homes for



Bedrock geology in the Northeast Kingdom is associated with higher radon levels



Radon problems can be fixed.

- It is estimated to cost between \$1,500 and \$2,500 to fix a radon problem.
- Financially qualified homeowners can receive assistance to fix a radon problem. See the [Radon Mitigation Funding Assistance Flyer](#) for more information.



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[Radon Program](#) – program website

[Radon in your home](#) – factsheet

[Radon and Smoking. A Risky Combination](#)

[Kathy's Story](#) – one Vermonter's story about the impact of radon exposure (video)

[Testing Your Home for Radon](#) – instructional video

[Radon Risk in Vermont](#) – geology, risk, and testing

[Radon in Drinking Water](#) – information on testing radon in water

Radon Program Contact Information:

radon@vermont.gov

802-863-7220 or 800-439-8550 (toll-free in Vermont)